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FOR: MUTATED 5-ENOL PYRUVYLSHIKIMATE- :
3-PHOSPHATE SYNTHASE, GENE CODING :
FOR SAID PROTEIN AND TRANSFORMED :
PLANTS CONTAINING SAID GENE :

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2000
be extended 3 months so that it expires on May 21, 2001.

If a further extension is needed, such extension is requested, and the Commissioner is
hereby authorized to debit any other amount which may be required or credit any overpayment to
Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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